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In re Application of
Lyton A. Williams
Serial No. : 09/644,026
Filed : August 22, 2000
For : Method and Apparatus for Intervertebral Implant
Anchorage

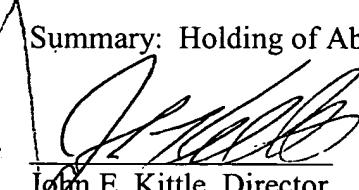
: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO WITHDRAW
: HOLDING OF
: ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed December 30, 2002 to review the holding of abandonment mailed December 17, 2002 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed March 25, 2002. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response (a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that included an amendment), and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated May 2, 2002.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 17, 2002, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry, processing and consideration of the RCE.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.


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